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HEALTH PROFILES FOR PENNSYLVANIA COUNTIES

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The Pennsylvania Department of Health has a legislative mandate to "protect the health of the people of the Commonwealth and to determine the most efficient and practical means for the prevention and suppression of disease." In order to advance toward these goals, we need statistical information on the health status of the population, the health care delivery system, and demographic and population characteristics.

The first health profiles were published in 1977 to provide a compendium of health data. These profiles have been updated and revised biennially, starting in 1978, to better meet the needs of governmental leaders, health program specialists, state and local planners, and concerned citizens.

The Health Profiles for Pennsylvania Counties are a series of 68 individual profiles - one for each county and one for the Commonwealth. The most recent information available was used. The year which the data represents is included in the profiles following each data item. Estimated population figures for 1984 are used throughout the profiles for the listed population as well as in the computation of all rates.

The major data source is the State Health Data Center, Pennsylvania Department of Health - specifically the Vital Statistics Cooperative Program, the Annual Hospital and Long Term Care Questionnaires, the Uniform Data Collection System for drug and alcohol information and the Developmental Disabilities Facility Questionnaire as funded by the Developmental Disabilities Planning Council. Additional sources include other units of the Department, (i.e. the Bureaus of Quality Assurance, Epidemiology and Disease Prevention, and Special Public Health Services), Pennsylvania State Data Center, Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare, Pennsylvania Office of Employment Security and Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.

The profiles will continue to be updated biennially, with the next edition available in 1988. Comments and suggestions for improvement are welcome. If there are any questions or if additional information is needed, please contact the State Health Data Center, Pennsylvania Department of Health, P.O. Box 90, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17108, telephone number (717) 783-2548.

POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

1. DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

Total Land Area in Square Miles	728	Median Age of Population (1980)	33.4
Estimated Population (1984)	1,409,798	% Population Urban (1980)	95.6
Population per Square Mile (1984)	1,937	Per Capita Personal Income (1983)	$12,753
% Population Change 1980 to 1984	- 2.8	% of Population Receiving Cash Assistance (1985)	6.9
Projected Population (1990)	1,371,301	% of Labor Force Unemployed-Annual Average (1985)	8.3
% Population Change 1980 to 1990	- 5.4	% of Pop. Eligible for Medical Assistance (1985)	10.1

Estimated Population by Age and Sex (1984)

AGE	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE	AGE	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE
ALL AGES	1,409,798	664,691	745,107	35-44	168,387	80,721	87,666
0-4	88,417	45,134	43,283	45-54	143,869	66,876	76,993
5-14	165,552	84,566	80,986	55-64	171,277	78,436	92,841
15-24	221,572	110,040	111,532	65+	212,773	82,041	130,732
25-34	237,951	116,877	121,074				

2. MARRIAGES AND DIVORCES (1984)

Number of Marriages	10,541	Number of Divorces	4,339
Rate per 1,000 Population	7.5	Rate per 1,000 Population	3.1
Median Age of Bride	25	Median Age of Wife	33
Median Age of Groom	27	Median Age of Husband	35

3. NATALITY (1984)

Number of Resident Births	17,555
Rate per 1,000 Population	12.5
Median Age of Mother	27
% Low Birth Weight (<2500 grams)	6.8

Resident Births by Age of Mother, Number and Percent (1984)

AGE	NUMBER	PERCENT	AGE	NUMBER	PERCENT
ALL AGES	17,555	100.0	30-34	4,061	23.2
UNDER 15	41	0.2	35-39	1,093	6.2
15-19	1,566	8.9	40-44	106	0.6
20-24	4,272	24.4	45+	3	0.0
25-29	6,406	36.5	UNKNOWN	7	0.0

4. MORBIDITY (1985)

Incidence of Notifiable Diseases

Gonorrhea		3,931	Meningitis:	Aseptic	35	Salmonellosis	381
Hepatitis:	Type A	57	Meningitis:	Meningococcal	18	Shigellosis	27
Hepatitis:	Type B	207	Mumps		1	Syphilis	21
Hepatitis:	Unspecified	3	Rubella		0	Tuberculosis	85
Hepatitis:	Non-A/Non-B	23					

POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS (Continued)

5. MORTALITY (1984)

Number of Resident Deaths	15,597	Number of Resident Infant Deaths	191
Crude Rate per 1,000 Population	11.1	Rate per 1,000 Live Births	10.9
Median Age at Death	73.8	Number of Fatalities in Motor Vehicle Accidents in Which Driver Had Been Drinking	46

Leading Causes of Death by Age Group, Number and Percent (1984)

All Ages			Under 5 Years of Age			5-24 Years of Age		
Cause	Number	Percent	Cause	Number	Percent	Cause	Number	Percent
Heart Disease	6,438	41.3	Perinatal Conditions	111	52.4	Accidents, All Forms	84	40.8
Cancer	3,774	24.2	Congenital Anomalies	46	21.7	Suicide	36	17.5
Cerebrovascular Disease	1,012	6.5	Accidents, All Forms	7	3.3	Cancer	23	11.2
Accidents, All Forms	461	3.0	Heart Disease	6	2.8	Homicide	19	9.2
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	456	2.9	Cancer	3	1.4	Heart Disease	8	3.9
All Other	3,456	22.2	All Other	39	18.4	All Other	36	17.5
TOTAL	15,597	100.0	TOTAL	212	100.0	TOTAL	206	100.0

25-44 Years of Age			45-64 Years of Age			65 Years of Age and Over		
Cause	Number	Percent	Cause	Number	Percent	Cause	Number	Percent
Cancer	116	21.0	Heart Disease	1,162	35.9	Heart Disease	5,175	45.4
Accidents, All Forms	96	17.4	Cancer	1,158	35.8	Cancer	2,474	21.7
Heart Disease	87	15.7	Cerebrovascular Disease	133	4.1	Cerebrovascular Disease	855	7.5
Suicide	63	11.4	Liver Disease and Cirrhosis	110	3.4	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	379	3.3
Homicide	34	6.1	Accidents, All Forms	81	2.5	Pneumonia and Influenza	304	2.7
All Other	157	28.4	All Other	590	18.2	All Other	2,205	19.4
TOTAL	553	100.0	TOTAL	3,234	100.0	TOTAL	11,392	100.0

HEALTH SERVICES AND FACILITIES

1. HOSPITALS (1985)

Number of Hospitals by Type:

Total	General Acute Care	Psychiatric	Rehabilitation	Federal	Other
37	24	4	3	2	4

Number of General Hospitals with the Following Ambulatory Care Services/Facilities:

Community Mental Health Center	3	Structured Clinics	17	Emergency Services Capability:			
Home Health Service	17	Family Practice Center	13	Limited	0	General	17
				Basic	0	Comprehensive	7

Number of General/Specialty Hospitals with Neonatal Units:

Well Infant Nursery	13	Neonatal Intermediate Care Unit	4	Neonatal Intensive Care Unit	4

General Hospitals:

	Number	Number per 1,000 Pop.
Beds Set Up & Staffed	7,980	5.7
Admissions	266,071	188.7

Specialty and Federal Hospitals:

	Number	Number per 1,000 Pop.
Beds Set Up & Staffed	3,660	2.6
Admissions	62,236	44.1

Average General Hospital Semi-Private Daily Room Rate $277

HEALTH SERVICES AND FACILITIES (Continued)

2. NURSING HOMES [1984]

Licensed/Approved Facilities by Level of Care and Certification

Type of Facility	Total	Certified-Medicare	Certified-Medicaid
Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF)	19	14	14
Intermediate Care Facility (ICF)	4	0	3
SNF/ICF Combined Facility	25	23	24
TOTAL	48	37	41

Level of Care	Number of Licensed/ Approved Beds	Number per 1,000 Population Aged 65 and Over
Skilled	3,635	17.1
Intermediate	2,986	14.0
Total (SNF + ICF)	6,621	31.1

Median Age of Residents in Long Term Care Facilities 82.2

Median Semi-Private Daily Room Rate
Skilled $64
Intermediate $62

3. OTHER HEALTH SERVICES/FACILITIES

a. Drug and Alcohol Treatment (1985)

Admissions to State Supported Drug and Alcohol Treatment Facilities

Number of Facilities	Total Admissions	Primary Diagnosis: Drug Abuse	Primary Diagnosis: Alcohol Abuse	Primary Diagnosis: Other*	Percent First Admissions
51	8,402	1,985	5,729	688	37.9

Number of State Supported Drug and Alcohol Treatment Facilities Providing Specified Services

Inpatient Non-Hospital	Inpatient Hospital	Correctional Institution	Partial Hospitalization	Outpatient	Shelter
6	10	0	2	33	8

*Includes family members receiving counseling.

b. Emergency Health Services (1985)

Certified Emergency Medical Technicians	4,288	Certified Paramedics I	607
Ambulance Providers	109	Certified Paramedics II	490

c. Agencies/Facilities for the Developmentally Disabled (1983)

Total Number of Agencies/Facilities 62

Total Serving the Following Disabilities:

Mental Retardation	51	Autism	39	Muscular Dystrophy	30
Cerebral Palsy	48	Learning Disabilities	49	Other	42
Epilepsy	44	Multiple Sclerosis	28		

d. Primary Health Care Centers (1985)

Number of Agencies 8

e. Licensed Boarding Homes (1985)

Number of Homes 171